in the State Sector to Orissa and other States is given in the statement attached. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 108].

(c) The following steps have been taken to promote Adult Education in Orissa:—

(i) 19 Rural Functional Literacy Projects (RFLPs) with 5700 centres are functioning in the State.

(ii) 1800 centres are also functioning under 6 State Adult Education Projects (SAEPs).

(iii) The State was sanctioned grant for preparing 60,000 literacy kits for use by student volunteers under Mass Programme for Functional Literacy (MPFL).

(iv) A grant of Rs. 18.00 lakhs has been released under Special Component Plan (SCP) and Rs. 74.70 lakhs under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) during 1987-88. under the Scheme of RFLPs.

(v) 19 Voluntary Agencies have been sanctioned a total grant of Rs. 28.68 lakhs for undertaking 990 Adult Education Centres.

(vi) A total enrolment of 2.86 lakh person has been reported (upto December, 1987).

Malfunctioning of the primary health centres in U. P.

3003. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 13th February, 1988 with the caption 'Where Ward Boys perform operations' wherein it has been stated that compounders, ward boys and chowkidars are acting as doctors in about 300 Primary Health Centres in Uttar Pradesh attending to patients, prescribing and dispensing medicines and sometimes even performing operations;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Report of the State Government has been called regarding this matter.

Finding of Indo-US panel of scientists Report on the IDD

3004. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 21st January, 1988 with the caption '30 p.c. Delhites suffer from IDD';

(b) whether according to one of the findings of the Indo-US panel of scientist which reviewed some of the [illegible] under the Indo-US Science and Technology Initiative, some 20,000 children in the country go blind every year which could be prevented; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government and what steps have been taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government has seen the news item appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 21-1-1988.

(b) This Ministry is not aware of the findings of the Indo-US panel of scientists.

(c) In order to control goitre and other iodine deficiency disorders, adequate quantities of iodised salt is being supplied in the Union Territory of Delhi. During 1987, 97,430 MTs of iodised salt had been supplied.

Declaration of National Highway from Berhampur to Raipur

3005. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to declare the State Road from Berhampur in Orissa to